

<u>Committee and date</u> Brown Clee and Highley Local Joint Committee.

Brown Clee Zone.

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APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING

1. Summary

This report considers the devolved funding allocated to the Brown Clee Zone of the Brown Clee and Highley Local Joint Committee (LJC) for the period 1st April 2013 up until 31st March 2014.

1.1 A total of £7,500 has been devolved to the Committee, plus £530.00 arts funding, to fund projects in the local community served by the LJC for the 2013/14 year and with £622.00 under spend from last year the total available is £8,652

To note that any under spend can be carried over but has to be related to clear strategic goals and either committed to recognised projects/priories or allocated to projects/priories

1.2 Prior to each LJC, a planning meeting takes place to discuss applications and to agree recommendations.

The closing date for applications was 1st May 2013. Two applications have been received.

1.3 The committee awarded the following projects under the urgent and time sensitive delegated powers from the 2013/14 budget.

Group	Project	Amount requested	Amount Awarded
Burwarton and District Agricultural Society and Brown Clee Football Club	•	£1,500	£1,500

2. Recommendations

2.1. That the applications from those organisations and their projects as detailed in this report be considered for funding.

- 2.2 The Local Joint Committee Guidelines are taken into consideration when assessing applications.
- 2.3 That the following guidelines be taken into account when assessing applications:
 - To normally only accept one application per project per year.
 - All grants must be claimed within 3 months
 - All projects must complete a monitoring form and where possible provide photographs to illustrate how the money has been spent
 - All projects must supply a set of recent accounts or recent bank statement at the same time as the LJC grant application.
 - All projects with items up to £1000.00 must supply two quotes per item, and all projects with items over £1000.00 must supply 3 quotes per item.

The recommendations from the planning meeting feature in this report.

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3. Risk Assessment and Opportunities Appraisal

- 3.1 All of the funding applications have been assessed against agreed criteria which will minimise any risks associated with these projects
- 3.2 The recommendations contained in this report are compatible with the provisions of the Human Rights Act 1998.
- 3.3 The proposals under consideration will improve the levels of community based and community driven activity in the LJC area

4. Financial Implications

The funding devolved to the LJC can be used for a number of different purposes over the year. The Committee will continue to receive applications from local organisations for eligible purposes. Funding by the LJC must comply with the general Financial Rules for LJCs.

5. Applications, Summaries and Officer Recommendations

5.1 Morville Toddlers Shed

"To replace an existing shed that is used to store all of the equipment needed to run the Toddler group. The current shed is the group's only storage facility and is in need of replacement due to old age and general wear and tear. It is not up to the job of securely and hygienically storing the toys and equipment for the children. The current shed provides the Toddler group's only facilities to store all of the equipment needed to run the group. These range from outdoor games and ride on toys (trikes etc.) to puzzles, toys and indoor activities. The current (old) shed is not up to the task of storing these items safely and securely and some items have had to be thrown away because of damage from damp and water. There is also a small rodent problem which raises hygiene issues for the children using the toys.

A new shed with sufficient weather proofing and security would mean the toys are protected and the group is able to continue to use the donated toys safely with the children.

As a self-funded group we have very little money to pay for any toys or games and the vast majority of equipment that is stored in the current shed has been donated to the group. Because of the state of the current shed these items are in danger of being damaged. Being such a small group with little funding we would not be able to replace these items. Ultimately this would mean fewer activities for the children and the very real situation of having to close the group. As we are in a rural location we bring a lot of support to rural mothers who don't get the opportunity to meet many other mothers and form a very important support network to new mothers. Naturally we are trying to do everything we can to keep the group going and a new shed would help us keep Morville Toddlers running. The group is raising £140 through a sponsored bunny hop."

Total project cost - £840 Amount requested -£700 Amount recommended - £700

5.2 Chetton Village Hall Redecoration

"Chetton Parish Council has been working with Chetton Village Hall Committee to install sustainable heating in the hall. The bulk of the work has now been completed except for the interior of the building which needs to be decorated.

The recent replacement of the heating and lighting in the hall has resulted in unsightly marks and patches on the walls and ceiling. Pipe runs to the radiators also need to be painted, in order to improve the visual aspect of the room. This work will complete the extensive project which has been recently undertaken by the Village Hall Committee and will present the hall as a first class public facility.

With the enhanced level of comfort, it is envisaged that the premises will be used by more local groups and organisations."

Total project cost - £2,500 Amount requested -£2,000

6.0 Additional Information - Future applications

For applications forms and guidance, projects and groups wishing to apply to the Brown Clee and Highley Local Joint Committee (Brown Clee Zone) should contact:

Linda Monteith, Community Action Officer Email: <u>linda.monteith@shropshire.gov.uk</u> Telephone: 01743 257865

List of Background Papers

(This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)

Draft Medium Term Financial Plan 2011/12 - 2013/14, Appendix 5.

Report to Cabinet 13th January 2011. Locality Working Local Joint Committees. Report to Cabinet 9th December 2010.LJC application forms for the projects listed

Cabinet Member (Portfolio Holder) – TBC

Local Members:

Local Members <u>Shropshire Council</u> Cllr. Robert Tindall Cllr. David Tremellen <u>Parish Council</u> Cllr Dr J Collingridge Cllr D Hollyhead Cllr H Lane Cllr J Mottershead Cllr B Theobald Cllr V Walker

Appendices - None